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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, Applicants hereby attach U.S. Patent Office form PTO-1449, including copies of the prior art references listed therein. Most of these references were cited in the International Search Report dated April 30, 2003 of the corresponding PCT patent application, and one of these references was cited in the specification. Enclosed also is a copy of the International Search Report. Applicants are not submitting a copy of the U.S. Patent reference as the Office waived the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) on July 11, 2003. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

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